



# What is neglect?



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Neglect is when someone says they are going to help you but they don't.

They might not:



- give you medicine you need



- allow you to see a doctor



- help you stay clean and comfortable



- give you enough to eat and drink



- treat you as an equal



- think about your feelings



- treat you with respect



- keep you safe



- let you see your friends and family.



All of these things are wrong.

Anyone could abuse you, including:



- family



- friends



- carers or other people who support you



- neighbours or people you live with



- people you work with



- members of your community.



The person neglecting you might not know what they're doing is wrong.

You might feel too scared to:



- speak out



- stop them.



You might not know how to get help.



They might make it hard for you to tell anyone.



If neglect happens to you, it is important to speak out.



You should tell someone you trust as soon as you can.

## Who can help you?



If you are:

- in danger now, call the WA Police on **000**
- not in danger right now, call the WA Police on **13 1444**



An advocate is a person who can help you or speak up for you.

If you would like support from an advocate, call

People With Disabilities WA on

**(08) 9485 8900**

or

**1800 193 331**



If you want to make a complaint about a disability service, call the Health and Disability Service

Complaints Office (HADSCO) on

**(08) 6551 7600**



If you want to report neglect, call the Disability

Abuse and Neglect Hotline on

**1800 880 052**



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